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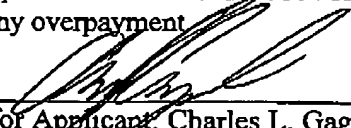
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In re application : WALTER KRAFT, ET AL.
 Application No. :
 Filed : Herewith
 For : LOCAL CHANGE OF AN IMAGE SHARPNESS OF
 PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES WITH MASKS
 Examiner :
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Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the
 enclosed references listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The
 paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure
 Statement.

- [X] (1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached
 Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three
 months of the filing date of the above identified national
 application or within three months of the date of entry of the
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- [] (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [] (3) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [] (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:
- [] a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e); or
- [] the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(d)

- [] (5) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee. This petition is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (1)

- [] (6) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (2)

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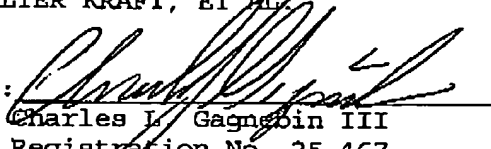
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These references were cited in a European Search Report (copy enclosed) which issued in European Application No. 01 102 804.0 filed February 9, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE*
		4,794,531	12/27/88	Morishita, et al.			
		5,357,353	10/18/94	Hirota			
		5,524,162	6/4/96	Levien			

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		EP 0 566 915	10/27/93	Europe			X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
	Polesel A., et al., "Image enhancement via adaptive unsharp masking," IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON IMAGE PROCESSING, MARCH 2000, IEEE, USA, Vol. 9, Nr. 3, pp. 505-510, XP-006556774. IDDN: 1057-7149.

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Filing or 371(c) Date:	02-08-2002	USPTO Delay (PTO) Delay (days):	710
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Post-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Total PTA (days):	669
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05-11-2006	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed		
05-11-2006	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
05-10-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
05-04-2006	Response after Non-Final Action		
03-21-2006	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
02-07-2006	Mail Non-Final Rejection		
02-03-2006	Non-Final Rejection		
01-18-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
01-09-2006	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		31
01-18-2006	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)		↑
01-09-2006	Request for Extension of Time - Granted		↑
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12-13-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		↑
12-07-2005	Amendment after Final Rejection		↑
09-09-2005	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)		↑
09-06-2005	Final Rejection		
07-01-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
06-28-2005	Response after Non-Final Action		10
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